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October 6, 1998

Russell Harms
Georgia Pacific Corporation
P.O. Box 30006
North Las Vegas, Nevada 89036

Re: Tentative Approval, G-P Gypsum Corporation (GP), Hebe Gypsum Mine, M/015/072 (UTU-73779), Emery County, Utah

Dear Mr. Harms:

The Division has reviewed your response to the August 11, 1998 Division letter describing the steps to complete a transfer of the large mine operation notice of intention previously submitted by Western Clay Company. Your response letter was received by the Division on September 21, 1998. Division staff reviewed the documents enclosed with the letter for completeness and accuracy. These documents were specifically: (1) a quit claim deed for mining claims, (2) a quit claim deed for mining claim leases, (3) a form MR-TRL for transfer of a large mining operation notice of intention, (4) a form MR-RC Reclamation Contract, (5) a joint agency surety bond, and (6) a Signatory Authorization from Georgia Pacific.

Division staff contacted you and a representative of Western Clay Company to request permission to make corrections to the various Division forms submitted, and to adjust the legal description for the mine site disturbances listed on "Appendix A" in the enclosures. Both Western Clay Company and GP agreed with the adjustments proposed by the Division, and these adjustments were then made to the documents.

GP's formal acceptance of: (a) the Large Mine Operation Notice of Intent submitted by Western Clay Company, (b) responsibility for completion of the permitting process, and (c) of reclamation responsibility for the existing disturbances, allow the Division to hereby grant tentative approval of this large mine proposal.

The Division will publish a notice of its tentative approval decision in the local county and Salt Lake City newspaper initiating a 30-day public comment period. At the end of the public comment period, barring any substantial comments which cannot be resolved, the Division will move to accept the reclamation surety, grant final approval of the large mine operation notice of intention and formally transfer the permit from Western Clay Company to GP. The Division will then issue a final approval letter and provide GP and Western Clay Company with copies of the executed documents. The interim surety posted by Western Clay Company would then be released as part of the permit transfer process.

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Thank you for your cooperation in completing this permitting action. If you have any questions in this regard please contact me at (801) 538-5286 or Tony Gallegos at (801) 538-5267.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "D. Wayne Hedberg". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

D. Wayne Hedberg
Permit Supervisor
Minerals Regulatory Program

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cc: Dean Nyffeler, BLM Price Field Office
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